



SATURDAY NOV. 19, 1898.

## AN OLD SOFA.

Throws in the corner as now of no use.  
Where none for its welfare doth  
And subject to every indignity abuse.  
That mortals may heap on it there.  
Is standing a sofa of antique design.  
Whose cover of hair-cloth once  
With age and much wearing begins  
now to shine,  
All torn on the seat and the back.  
The woodwork is all of mahogany red.  
The gimp is laced on with brass  
nails.  
Two cushions it carries for resting the  
head,  
And numerous other details.  
Demure as it sets in that corner so  
gram,  
A picture's presented to me,  
Of the past with its bustle, its life and  
its hum;  
And now on that sofa I see—

Two lovers in all the excitement and  
flush  
Of young Love now twitching their  
hearts;  
He whispers: she signals—to instantly  
hush!  
And each as if frightened then starts.  
A tap on the door by mamma and  
then to!  
She entered with cake and with wine  
And then disappeared and behind left  
a glow.  
Which the lovers declared was di-  
vine.

Again, in that room there's a throng of  
fair maids  
And men in the noontide of youth,  
A bride and a groom 'neath chandelier  
shades,  
To plight as did Boz and fair Ruth.  
Again on that sofa in corners thrown,  
The wife and her husband are seen,  
For young Love has now unto full  
status grown,  
And Love is their king and their  
queen.

O. M. SEWARD.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

## THE PRESIDENT BEING CONGRATULATED.

## Speaker Reed and His Enemies.

## THE MEETING OF THE CABINET.

## Mr. Powderly's Recommendation.

## ADMIRAL SCHLEY'S REPORT.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 14, '98.

President McKinley is still receiving congratulations by mail from every section of the country on the indorsement given him and his administration—one of the most remarkable indorsements ever given to any President in the middle of his administration—by the voters of the country. The big head is an effusion unknown to him, but the President is naturally proud of the confidence in him, which the re-election of a republican majority of the House and the election of state legislatures, which insure a big republican majority in the Senate, expressed, and anxious that his future policy in connection with our newly acquired territory and his recommendations to Congress, shall be of such a nature as to merit a continuance of that confidence. If a conscientious desire to do the right thing for the country will enable him to do it, he will succeed.

## THEIR OLD OCCUPATION.

Having failed in the election, the democrats have returned to their old occupation of trying to create dissension among the victorious republicans. They are circulating stories to the effect that friends of the President are trying to prevent Speaker Reed being re-elected Speaker of the next House. There is not a word of truth in the stories, and it is as certain as anything in the future can be that Mr. Reed will be Speaker of the next House, unless he declines to be.

## SPANIARDS MUST MARRY.

At the last meeting of the Cabinet, the American Peace Commissioners, at Paris, were instructed to notify the Spanish Commissioners that this government would call time on them if they did not hurry up and get down to business on our demand for the Philippines, a demand that is unalterable and which must be either accepted or refused, regardless of what any other government may do or threaten to do. In other words, Spain must understand that the European state legislatures, if it could be brought about, would not chance the policy of this government one iota.

## MR. BABCOCK AND THE SENATORSHIP.

While President McKinley will, under no circumstances, attempt to interfere with the selection of Senator by any of the republican state legislatures, there isn't the slightest doubt that Representative Babcock of Wisconsin, who is Chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, has made a new record that is not likely to be broken, by electing a republican majority of the

sional elections, will have his test wishes in his campaign for election to the Senate. This is not because of any objection to either of the other able republicans who are candidates for the Senate, but because President McKinley thinks that Mr. Babcock's work for the party has given him a claim upon the highest honors at the disposal of the republicans of Wisconsin.

## STATUTE TO BE MODIFIED.

Adjutant General Corbin, in his annual report, refers to existing law which prevents the enlistment in the army of persons not citizens of the U. S., and says: "The new conditions, however, make a modification of this statute desirable to the end that the enlistment of from one company to a battalion of natives for each regiment serving in Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines may be authorized. The advantage of this is too obvious for discussion."

## A DECREASE IN IMMIGRATION.

According to the annual report of Commissioner General T. V. Powderly, just made public, the total number of immigrants to the United States during the last fiscal year were 229,299, being 1,533 fewer than came during the previous year. During the year 3,090, who were undesirable, from one cause or another, principally pauperism, were deported. Mr. Powderly recommends that the head-tax be increased from \$1 to \$2, to provide a fund to "enlarge the bureau's operations to its full capacity for usefulness in protecting American citizens from disease, tax-payers from the imposition of unjust burdens, and the hospitals, charitable and penal institutions of the country from demoralization by the corrupt citizens of other countries."

## THE NEW YORK SENATORSHIP.

Representative Sherman and other New York republicans who have been in Washington since the election of Depew will be the republican elected to succeed Senator Murphy, unless there is a great change in party sentiment before the legislature meets. Admiral Schley, who was one of our Military Commissioners charged with the duty of arranging for the evacuation of Porto Rico, is in Washington. He brought a full report of the work of himself and colleagues in Porto Rico, with him, and it is now in the hands of the President.

## REFUSED TO DISCUSS IT.

He refuses to discuss any of the numerous sensational stories dealing with the relations, both personal and official, between himself and Admiral Sampson, but has expressed an ardent desire to get hold of the man who started the story that he was a democrat. He says that as a Naval Officer he has no politics other than his country and does not consider any other necessary; that his first and paramount duty is to the administration. Secretary Long has not decided what duty Admiral Schley will next be assigned to, but will endeavor to meet the Admiral's wishes, after conferring with him.

## Y. M. C. A. Notes

The explanation of the Sunday School Lesson last Saturday was well attended, and still there is room for you and your neighbor. Come. Regardless of the storm last Sunday the boys were out in full. The week of prayer began with them. Subject: "The boy's home life." General Secretary S. C. Burrell endeavored to make the subject, very plain to them. The week of prayer with the men last Sunday was introduced by our General Secretary. Special music was rendered by Director C. O. Williams. Meeting in the jail Sunday at 11 a.

Special meeting for boys Sunday at 4 P. M. at our rooms. All boys invited free. All men should hear Prof. G. F. Ganung Sunday at 5:20 a. m. our rooms. Subject: "The Righteousness of those who hunger and thirst." This is the first time we have had an opportunity to hear the Professor, so let every man come out. Special solos will be rendered by Director C. O. Williams and Mr. R. H. White.

Thanksgiving day with the Y. M. C. A., Nov. 24th, Thursday 9 A. M. at the rooms for men, a special meeting led by Brother V. L. Hawkins, subject, "How to conquer the devil." 11 A. M. Rev. A. S. Thomas will preach a special sermon at the Sharon Baptist Church, under the auspices of the Ladies Auxiliary. Music by the choir. Rev. A. Bings, Jr., D. D. will deliver a very practical address at 8 P. M. at the 5th St. Baptist Church. Music by the choir. Come early and get a good seat. Free to all. Rev. W. F. Graham, pastor, Rev. D. W. Davis and others will be present. All should give thanks. God has blessed us in every way. Let us thank God every body and a free will offering on this day to the Y. M. C. A. Christian Association and thus free it from debt. Come out and hear Rev. Davis explain the Lesson to day at 5 o'clock.

## A Richmonder Marries in Philadelphia.

Miss Lina J. Epps of this city and Mr. John H. Brown of Powhatan county was married in Philadelphia on last Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock by Rev. Barksdale of that city the pastor of Union Baptist Church. The marriage of this couple was surprising to all except one member of the family and a friend of the bride, Miss Jennie Christ who accompanied her to the depot on the morning of her departure.

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## VAN BOOZEM'S SCHEME.

It Did Not Pan Out Just As He Anticipated It Would.

Van Boozem had made up his mind to save money. No more quarters for luncheon, he said, and he bit off the words with a snap by his teeth. Hereafter I shall go in for the free article, then the nickel with which I'll buy something to wash it down will make the meal cost but five cents. Great scheme! Great saving! Nothing like economy.

Whereupon Van Boozem jammed his hat down on his head and stalked out of his office snapping the spring lock of the door behind him. Across the way, at the corner above, was a clean little place he remembered to have noticed frequently on his way down to the office in the morning. Then he recollected that once he had heard Twigg remark as they passed it that "an elegant free lunch" was spread inside at noon each day.

That settled it. Van Boozem darted across the street and entered the little saloon. A white-coated attendant stood behind the counter. "What will it be?" he asked.

"Ginger ale, please," Van Boozem answered, and then he looked around. He walked over to the end of the bar and began eating. A sandwich was finished. Then another followed, another, and still another. "Lovely," ejaculated Van Boozem, "lovely." After he had finished the eighth the economical man drank his ginger ale. Reaching down into his pocket he produced a dime and laid it on the bar.

The white-coated attendant looked at it, then he looked at Van Boozem. "Seventy-five cents more," he said as he flitted a damp cloth across the polished surface of the counter.

"What?" shouted Van Boozem. "Seventy-five cents more, please," repeated the attendant. "Those sandwiches are 10 cents apiece. You got away with eight, for I counted 'em. That makes eighty cents. The ginger ale is five cents and here's your dime, so you see there's 75 cents more coming."

Gaping and dazed, Van Boozem drew out a dollar. "I—I—I thought," he said, "that they were the free lunch." "Hardly," smiled the waiter as he rang the cash register. "The free lunch is cold corned beef and rye bread down at the other end of the bar. Since which experience Van Boozem has lunched daily off ortolans, pate de foie gras and terrapin, trying to catch up.

## Strictly Business.

A lawyer trying to serve his client by throwing suspicion on a witness in the case in the course of his cross-examination said: "You have admitted that you were at the prisoner's house every evening during all this time?"

"Yes, sir," replied the witness. "Were you and he interested in any business together?"

"Yes, sir," answered the man, unhesitatingly. "Ah! Now, will you be good enough to tell us how and to what extent and what the nature of this business was in which you and he were interested?"

"Well, I have no objection to telling. I was courting his daughter."

## More Experience.

"I dunno's I kin git my money back," said Mr. Cornsossel, as he ruefully rubbed his brow. "But I must say as how I ain't going to recommend any customers to that concern."

"Have you been makin' investments?" "I sent a dollar to a man who advertised that he would tell a sure way to make money fast."

"Didn't you get any answer?" "Yes. He says 'put glue on it.'"

## Cause for Retirement.

"What's the matter with Holland? I hear he's laid up." "Yes, he bought his wife a chafing dish a couple of weeks ago."

"But surely that isn't responsible for his illness? Why that fellow can eat anything." "Oh, it wasn't anything that he ate. She hit him over the head with it."

## Depressed.

"I am told," remarked Miss Cayenne, "that you said some very clever things last evening."

"Yes," replied Willie Washington; "it is very discouraging."

"What is?" "The surprised manner in which everybody is talking about it."

## Resentment.

"I don't mind these new reform ideas of the emperor," said Li Hung Chang pensively, "but—"

"You resent the loss of your yellow jacket and peacock feathers?" "I could go without them. I don't want any embellishments. This effort to decorate me with a bell punch and a cash register is what arouses my resentment."

## Consolation for an Injury.

Flossie (weeping)—I am so disappointed in him. I am sure he wasipped last night. He threatened to kiss me.

May—Well, there's no knowing what men won't do when they are intoxicated.

## His Little Scheme.

Soaker—I say, old chap, why in thunder did you bring me into this ice cream parlor—to drink soda water? Round—The lady at the next table knows me by sight, and corresponds with my wife's mother.

## No Money Invested.

"Was his house built on sand?" "Well, yes. Sand and nerve. He didn't even own the lot."

## Peaches and Cream.

Remove the stones and stuff large, ripe peaches with whipped cream. Put very little flavoring into the cream and whatever is selected should harmonize with the flavor of the peach.

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